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RE: MAIL ROBBERY
EAST ORANGE STATION
IN 1924.

I called at the East Orange Post Office and interviewed Eugene Stack.

Mr. Stack said he was a clerk in the post office and would go over to the station and collect the mail from different trains and bring it to the post office. He said that this particular morning he went over to meet the train from Hoboken which was due at East Orange at 4:50 A.M. He said that he and Treadwell had pulled a truck up alongside the mail car and had loaded on the mail pouches and were just about to pull it away. The train had started when he saw two men jump off while it was going at a fair rate of speed. At that time, he said, Treadwell had gone up to the other end of the platform to pick up a letter which had been thrown off the car. He saw one man leave and come towards him and the other go towards Treadwell. Without any warning and without a word, he started shooting at him. He said, "I pulled out my 45 and started shooting back at him. I think we exchanged three shots. I was behind the truck at the time. Then this man started to run up the platform towards the stairway. I fired another shot at him and got him just as he was going to turn to go down the stairs. I didn't have a very good look at either of these men, as I paid no more attention to them than I would to any other passenger getting off the train, until after he started to shoot. I will be glad to look at anybody and see if I can recognize them, as this holdup man shot me in the thumb and leg. It was quite dark at that hour in the morning, but I could tell more about his build and figure than his face."

JOHN GREGORY, JR.